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SENATOR LAMB: The landowner doesn't...you could be a landowner but you wouldn't have...

SENATOR NEWELL: But you have to also farm?

SENATOR LAMB: You have to be a bona fide farmer under the definition.

SENATOR NEWELL: Okay, thank you, Senator Lamb. Well, I can appreciate Senator Lamb's amendment, and if I was a farmer, I think I would be supporting this amendment also.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Lamb a question because Senator Labedz is busy and I think you can answer it. What is the penalty for violating...first of all, what would constitute a violation under this bill? What must a person do to violate it?

SENATOR LAMB: Well, under the amendment which I am offering, I assume you are talking about the violation if someone is caught hunting on a piece of land and the conservation officer asks him if he is the farmer and he says he is but he is actually not, then it is a Class IV misdemeanor, which is \$100 to \$500 fine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now, is there any penalty for the person who is the farmer? Is there any way a person who is the farmer could violate this bill?

SENATOR LAMB: Not unless he were hunting on land that he didn't farm.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if it is his own land, there is no way to commit a violation under this bill?

SENATOR LAMB: If he is a bona fide farmer on that piece of land, then he is entitled to hunt (interruption).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I just wanted to make it clear. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamber, did you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President. I think that probably many of you know that there has been a number of people up in particularly in the northern part of the state who have